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SUBJ: DAVID ROCKEFELLER - SADDAM HUSSEIN MEETING

1. DAVID ROCKEFELLER MET WITH RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN FOR OVER TWO HOURS JANUARY 28 IN WHAT, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, IS FIRST EXTENDED MEETING. SADDAM HAS EVER HAD WITH PROMINENT AMERICAN OTHER THAT JOURNALISTS.

2. MR. ROCKEFELLER TOLD ME MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND RELAXED AND COVERED VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. SADDAM HAD ASKED MANY QUESTIONS. HE HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN SUGGESTION THAT DILOGUE BE ESTABLISHED WITH US TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES, BUT HAD MADE NO COMMITMENTS. SADDAM ACCUSES USG OF PURSUING Pincer

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STRATEGY WITH ISRAEL AND IRAN TO DESTROY BAATH REGIME, A FAVORITE

BAATH THEORY WHICH MR. ROCKEFELLER REFUTED AT LENGTH. SADDAM
ACCEPTED PROPOSAL THAT PHASE SEND FIVE-MAN TEAM TO STUDY IRAQI
FIVE YEAR PLAN TO DETERMINE HOW IT COULD ASSIST AND FAVORED OTHER
WAYS OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. ROCKEFELLER GROUP RECEIVED VIP TREATMENT AND MEETING WAS
MENTIONED ON FRONT PAGE OF ALL PAPERS JANUARY 29.

4. DETAILS AND COMMENT BY SEPTTEL. LOWRIE

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